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I'm not sure if this is the correct message to send to the young people of this nation (or to the people of the rest of the world). The message that seems to be too easily gleaned from the Justice Department decision not to penalize Microsoft for past wrongs is that if you are a large enough corporation then all you have to do is promise not to do the things you've been doing wrong for the past 15 years in the future and all will be forgiven. What would the effect be if this sort of reasoning were applied equally to all? Drug dealers, murders, money launderers, white collar criminals, basically anyone that has ever done anything legal would be able to say, "I'm sorry. I won't do it anymore. Can I go now? Thanks." A bully in the schoolyard is being allowed to keep the money it has beaten out of the other school children as long as he doesn't do it again. This is all very disturbing. Situations like this make it difficult to be "proud to be an American." Corporate profits seem to be the focus of this administration, not the health and well-being of its citizens. After reading as much as possible about this proposed settlement I feel embarrassed for this nation.

Regards.